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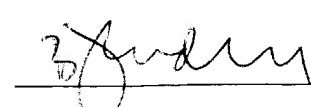
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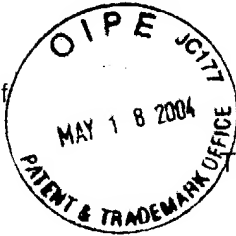
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AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 116

Responsive to the Office Action dated November 17, 2003 (Paper No. 18), entry and consideration of the following amendments, as well as a new Office Action in place of Paper No. 18, with a new date set for responding, and a Decision on the applicants Rule 181 Petition filed April 11, 2003, are requested. The Office Action dated November 13, 2003 is submitted to be incomplete in at least not including a Decision on the Appellants' Petition filed seven months before issuance of the Office Action. A Notice of Appeal, Notice of Appeal fee, three month extension petition and three month extension petition fee were filed May 17, 2004. The period for response therefore has been extended up to and including July 17, 2004.